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Aid Package To Cities Defeated In Senate

Tax Increase Possible for Agawam

A Town Council resolution to utilize over \$1 million in excess free cash to reduce the tax rate while at the same time maintain \$200,000 of the free cash in a contingency account could all be for naught if a Senate-sponsored aid package wins House approval.

Smaller Package

Last week, the Senate voted against a \$150 million local aid package that was included in the House version of the new fiscal budget. The Senate is proposing a much smaller aid package totalling about \$50 million. Even if a compromise committee between the upper and lower houses raises the figure, the community would probably not receive its expected \$1.4 million in free cash.

Town Manager Peter Caputo had previously said that a \$3 property tax reduction was on the way for local residents. But Caputo's estimates were based on the \$1.4 million local aid figure. According to one councilor, "We'll all be wiping a lot of egg off our faces if the town faces a one or two dollar increase in the property tax. And this is after we promised a decrease."

At last Monday night's council meeting, councilors voted 11-1 to accept Caputo's recommendation that \$200,000 of the free cash be put into a contingency account for "emergency purposes."

Lively Discussion

The vote came after some lively discussion among councilors who supported Caputo's recommendation, those who wanted a higher allotment in the free cash fund, and those who wanted to put all the excess free cash into reducing the property tax rate.

A motion put forward by Councilor William Herd to leave \$400,000 in the contingency fund was narrowly defeated. According to Herd, the town experienced a jump in taxes last year. The councilor pointed to the need to maintain a sizable balance in the free cash fund in order to safeguard the community against unforeseen events.

"Last year we had no balance in the free cash account to apply against the property tax rate. We have made a promise to reduce taxes this year. We must keep money in that account to safeguard ourselves."

Nardi Dissents

Said Councilor Frederick Nardi, the lone dissenter in leaving any money in the free cash account, "During the selectmen-days every penny went to reducing taxes. What are we going to do with it just sitting there? I'd rather see citizens get a tax break of another \$1. We don't need to have the money just hanging around."

Caputo said that the local aid package to cities and towns has continually decreased during House-

Senate deliberations on the State's new fiscal budget. Caputo said the town's road program, costing \$300,000, along with a 13% inflation rate were considered when he proposed the \$200,000 figure for the free cash account.

"We can put \$200,000 in the free cash account and still have a tax cut in the \$3 range while at the same time continue our roads' program without any problems," he maintained. Caputo said that 24 of the town's decaying roads will be repaired as soon as possible.

Barnes Motion Termed Compromise

The motion to accept Caputo's recommendation of \$200,000, put forth by Councilor Kenneth Barnes, was called by Council President Richard Theroux a compromise between Herd's motion and Nardi's contention that no money remain in the free cash account.

Observed Barnes, "I really feel that some money should be left in that account. If we don't take some action, then there will be no money at all in the account. It's just good business to leave some free cash to be able to use it for emergency purposes."

Councilors Francis Colli and John McNamara also agreed with the Barnes' motion. Colli said that anything more than \$200,000 was unfair to residents of the community who are expecting a tax break. McNamara said that cutting the free cash fund to nothing would not be in the best interest of the community. McNamara did not feel that there was a need for additional money in the account as suggested by Herd.

State Procrastinating

The town will not learn of how much local aid is coming until the second or

Five Arrested At Agawam High

While the majority of students at the Senior High School were receiving their final grades and celebrating the climax of the long academic year, Agawam Police were arresting four students for illegally drinking and another pupil for marijuana possession last Tuesday.

Wooded Area

According to officers at the scene, all five students were arrested in the wooded area behind the high school. The same group was also found burning history texts and other books, according to Detective Sergeant Richard Light.

In a related incident, one hallway locker was blown out by a large firecracker while another locker was found burning by school officials. A second fire was set on the floor in the new wing of the building by another object described as a firecracker by janitors on the scene. Police are still investigating the three incidents within the school building. Thus far, no arrests have been made.

Because of the events that took place Tuesday, School Committee member Jessie Fuller is planning to sponsor a resolution that would deny next year's senior class Max-Ed privileges. This program allows

seniors to leave school grounds during certain study hall periods. Fuller said she was upset over the recent surge of vandalism at the high school and that a toughening of the rules is needed.

Abolish Present Program

Mrs. Fuller said she will attempt to have the present program abolished at the School Committee's regularly scheduled meeting June 26. Mrs. Fuller the *Advertiser/News* she had completed extensive research on the present program and found that it was very liberal compared to schools she contacted which host similar programs.

Agawam Students In State Special Olympics



Bruce Baron, Laura-Jean DiFlumero, and Craig Stallone were the participants from Agawam in the State Special Olympics. All three children won medals in their respective events.

The Agawam Special Olympics team for the third straight year entered the State Special Olympics held again at Taunton High School, Taunton, Mass.

Over one thousand participants from all over Massachusetts took part in this most successful event.

Chosen to participate from Agawam were Laura-Jean DiFlumero,

Bruce Baron, and Craig Stallone. Laura-Jean received a gold medal in the softball throw, heaving the ball a distance of 21 feet, 7 inches. She also received a silver medal for second place in the standing broad jump with a distance of 3 feet, 4 inches.

Craig Stallone tossed the softball a distance of 53 feet, which was good for second place and a

silver medal. He also entered in the 50-meter run and received a 4th place ribbon.

Bruce Baron ran the 50-meter event in 10 seconds flat and received a gold medal for finishing first. He also was awarded a bronze medal in the softball throw.

Coaches Liz Zerra and Ted Tudryn were very pleased with the athletes and their efforts.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

6:00 EARTHQUAKE
Lorne Greene (PG-2:02)
8:00 ROCK 'N' ROLL REUNION
Little Anthony (I:12)
9:30 STEVE MARTIN
Tonight's Highlight:
10:00 WIMBLEDON TENNIS
Day's highlights (tape)
10:30 EARTHQUAKE
Lloyd Nolan (PG-2:02)
12:30 THE CRAZY WORLD OF LAUREL AND HARDY
2:00 WIMBLEDON TENNIS
Day's highlights (tape)

WEDNESDAY

6:30 WHAT'S UP, DOC?
Terrific comedy with top-notch cast (P-1:33)
8:00 ROBIN AND MARIAN
Richard Harris (PG-1:47)
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Day's highlights (tape)

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Movie Revue



Richard Pryor In Concert

By Kathy Shepard

This 1½ hour film, directed by Jeff Margolis, could be offensive to some due to its abundance of scatologic humor. But Richard Pryor, in his gold tennis shoes, can truly be called a hard-working comic.

He does not stop for breath between monologues on racism and imitations of sympathetic dogs. His topics range from swimming - he can't, but his kids just laugh when he flounders into the pool's deep end because they think "everything about Daddy is funny" - to his pet monkeys - ##\$%**(censored).

There were a few quotable sentences in the

film. For instance, Pryor described a heart attack: "I was walking in the front yard when all of a sudden something said, 'Don't breathe!' I put in an emergency call to God and some angel came on the line saying, 'I'll have to put you on hold!'"

It is not *what* Pryor says, but the way he says it. His face televises a myriad of caricatures; his body shouts out dismay, fear, anger, regret non-stop throughout ninety minutes of impromptu situation comedies with only one actor creating dozens of characters. Pryor's face is worth (closing one's ears to) at least a thousand (##\$%**) words.

"By Appointment Only" Needs No Appointment

While you really don't need an appointment to see the tremendously-talented group "By Appointment Only," this highly musical band is well worth the time to catch a performance or two at Riverside Park in Agawam.

"By Appointment Only" is a 7-member group that is appearing in the International Plaza Dome today through July 1. This group is playing at Riverside Park for the third straight year and is well established as a crowd-pleaser.

Larry Cohen, 32, Bill Gilg, 27, and Gary Smith, 31, started the group in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1972. Mike McKnight, 24, and Bob Zide, 30, subsequently joined the group, and its two newest members are Scott Johnson, 20, and Larry Meade, 21. They've been with the ensemble one year.

Band leader Cohen, Zide, Johnson, and Meade are from Jacksonville, Florida; McKnight hails from Jacksonville, North Carolina; and Smith is from Warren, Ohio, and Gilg from Pittsburgh.

Cohen is the group percussionist; Zide plays lead guitar; Smith, trumpet; McKnight, keyboards; Gilg, bass guitar; Johnson, saxophone; and Meade, trombone. All but Cohen vocalize with Gilg as the lead singer.

The group plays a variety of music - jazz, rock, disco, funk, and contemporary. They play Lou Rawls' music and also do Barry Manilow, Earth, Wind, and Fire, Steely Dan, and oldies. They perform impressions as well.

Still Openings In Storowton Art Classes

There are still openings for persons interested in summer drawing and sketching classes at Storowton Village on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West- Springfield.

John Edward Phelps, well-known local artist, will instruct the classes, which are being held for eight Mondays, June 18-August 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Phillips House in the Village.

For registration information, contact June Cook at 736-0632.

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ACT To Host Caputo

The Agawam Citizens Together organization will feature Town Manager Peter Caputo as a guest speaker at their meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 27, at Valley Community

Church at 7:30 p.m.

According to ACT President Daniel Lacinski, all local residents are invited to participate in this question-and-answer forum and to express their opinions and ideas.

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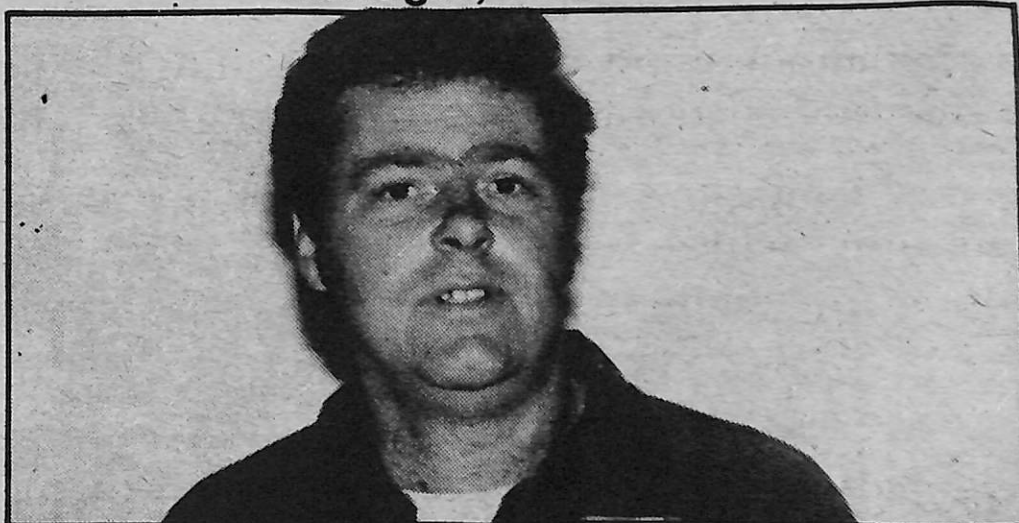
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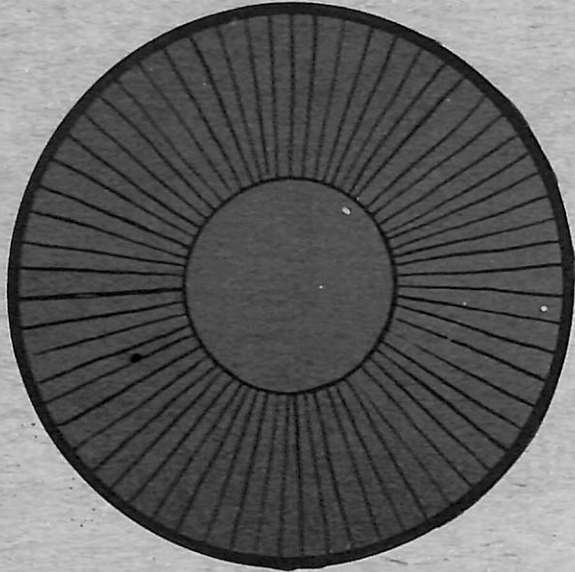
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see a Max-Ed program at the school, but a much stricter and controlled building except for the two locker incidents. "I believe the kids were perfect in both the building and in the classroom. I do know there was more trouble outside the building," he added in reference to the five youths who were arrested. Mrs. Fuller explained Longmeadow banned the program last year, with good results. "The assistant principal at the school told me that vandalism in the building was down, problems in the parking lot were down, and problems around the community had alleviated since the Max-Ed program stopped. It's time we put our foot down to stop what is happening in Agawam schools."

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Kids Responsible Not Making

"It's true some kids do not abuse the program, but I've found after looking into it for the past few years that it is not making kids more responsible. I really believe that part of the increase in vandalism at the high school is due to that program. I'd like to

"I've talked to several members of the school board and the Superintendent of Schools about the recent incidents at the high school. Hopefully, we can come up with stricter controls factors once the new school year gets underway," the Chieftem remarked. Light contended that the monitoring process on the Max-Ed program should be tightly controlled in the future. Theodorowicz said that it was his understanding that one of the locker incidents was caused by a 1979 graduate of the high school. When interviewed by the *Advertiser/News*, the principal stated that he was not aware of any other vandalism in the future.

Graduate Involved?

Theodorowicz said that it was his understanding that one of the locker incidents was caused by a 1979 graduate of the high school. When interviewed by the *Advertiser/News*, the principal stated that he was not aware of any other vandalism in the future.

CARMEL CORNER

Watch For The GRAND RE-OPENING

In another related matter, the School Department has hired a security guard from Hubbard Security in Agawam for the high school parking lot. George Hubbard, director of the security firm, disclosed to the *Advertiser/News* that the new security man at the high school would receive \$4.27 per hour for his services. The officer's duties will include patrolling the parking lot to deter vandalism and to alert school administrators of outsiders entering the building. Hubbard said the security guard has no assigned to the high school on the last two days of August hearing. Detectives Assigned To School Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski told the *Advertiser/News* that the school's administration during the police investigation and subsequent arrests. Chmielewski said the school cooperation from high school administrators "could have been better."

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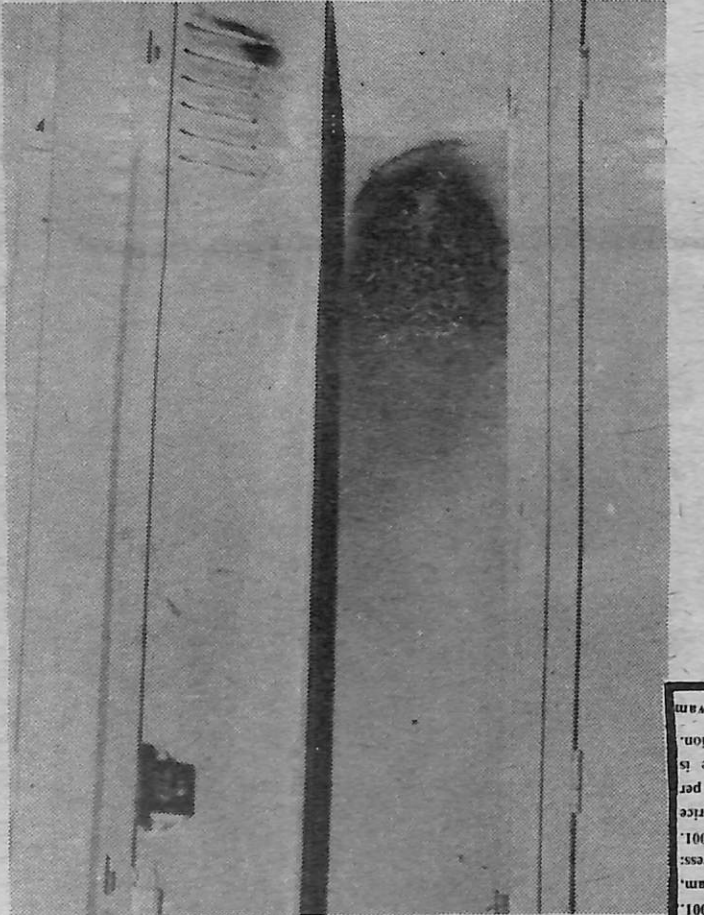
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The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Linda Silk as maid of honor with Pamela Silk and Kathleen Pfau, sisters of the bridal couple, Christine Kinsley, Barbara Bernard, and

Karen Campbell as bridesmaids.

Kevin Pfau served his brother as best man and Mark Pfau, brother of the groom, Paul Turmel, brother-in-law of the groom, Peter Kinsley, Bill Carroll, and Peter Croupe served as ushers.

The bride is a graduate of West Springfield High School and Holyoke Community College.

The groom is a graduate of Cathedral High School and Boston College.

Following the wedding, a reception took place at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. The couple will reside in Southwick after a trip to Nova Scotia and Martha's Vineyard.

Miss Andrews Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Andrews of 629 Main Street, Agawam, announce the betrothal of their daughter Catherine to Paul Byrne, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Delude of 37 Hastings Street, Feeding Hills.

The bride-elect was graduated from Agawam High School and Bay Path Junior College, Longmeadow. She is employed by Hamilton Standard.

Her fiancé was graduated from Agawam High School and is a senior at Westfield State College majoring in math.

The couple plan a June, 1980, wedding.

Girl Scout Troop 62 Events

Girl Scout Troop 62 and their mothers enjoyed a end-of-the-year banquet at the Silver Carriage Inn on June 14. Troop Leaders Lynn Plakias and Linda Birk presented the girls with the awards and badges they had earned throughout the year.

Very active this year, the girls spent their first overnight camp-out at Brimfield State Forest after preparing by learning knot-tying, fire building, and first aid.

A sister troop from Springfield joined the girls and some of their mothers on the camp-out.

100th Birthday Celebrated



John Krawchik, celebrated his 100th birthday Sunday, June 24th. photo by Jack Devine

John Krawchik, grandfather of Mrs. Carol Beele of Roberta Circle, Agawam, celebrated his 100th birthday Sunday, June 24, 1979.

Mr. Krawchik came to this country from Poland in 1903, and was a fruit and vegetable peddler for 49 years.

He was married to the

late Carolina Kopeski and has four children. They are Frances Burkott of Chicopee Falls; John of Waterbury, Connecticut; Rose Golymbieski of Waterville, Connecticut; and Henry of West-Springfield. He has 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

Recent UMass Grads

Recent graduation exercises at the University of Massachusetts included several students from the Agawam/Feeding Hills area. The names of these students are as follows:

Jane E. Baldiga, 350 Meadow Street; Mark R. Benedict, 43 Highland Street; Elaine F. Bolduc, 296 Regency Park Drive; Michael J. Calabrese, 10 Woodside Drive; Susanne Chlastawa, 23 Mountainview Street; Lucia N. Coidakis, 6 Fernwood Drive; David Dellagiustina, 32 Sheri Lane.

Also, Richard E.

Donais, 37 Raymond Circle; Gregory S. Fuchs, 16 Alfred Court; Robert C. Gagnon, 127 Lealand Avenue; Deborah R. Harrison, 77 Sheri Lane; Robin E. Lessner, 96 Corey Colonial; Marc E. Manna, 14 Coronet Circle; Carolyn C. Mish, 214 Springfield Street.

Also, Daniel J. O'Connell, 16 Memorial Drive; Jeffrey A. Orr, 72 School Street; Kenneth R. Penrose; Gregory J. Roberts, 32 Leonard Street; Kevin M. Sullivan, 15 Mill Street; Randall G. White, 72 Homer Street; and Ronald J. Zanotti, 140 Franklin Street.

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Gribari				\$5.50

Special Events Slated To Aid Cancer Society

Ruth E. Zucco, Agawam Cancer Crusade Chairman, recently announced the upcoming special events scheduled for June 30th, all of which will take place at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street.

There will be a tag sale, a car wash, a cake sale, and a coffee and doughnuts service taking place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone wishing to rent space at the tag sale may do so by calling Mrs. Pat Conway at 786-3731 or Mrs. Paula Rodier at 786-2458. A six-foot table space may be obtained for

\$10. Dealers are welcome. Bring your attic treasures and anything else you may wish to sell.

The following are serving with Ted Twarog, Special Events Chairman: Paula Rodier, Pat Conway, Ann Twarog, Pat Olewinski, Diane Voislow, Ron Rodier, Bill Conway, Roger Olewinski, and Joe Voislow.

anyone wishing to bake for the cake sale may do so and bring it the day of the sale.

Remember June 30th at the Polish American Club grounds from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Miller Graduates From Siena

Douglas A. Miller of 60 Parker Street, Agawam, was recently awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Siena College, Loudonville, New York. He majored in Marketing and Management.

A three-sport athlete while at Agawam High School, Doug played varsity baseball for the Division I Siena Indians.

He has accepted a position with the New York Telephone Company and is presently enrolled in a 13-week training program in New York City. He plans to settle in the Albany area.

Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Miller. Mr. Miller is the principal of Benjamin Phelps School.

Steadmans Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Steadman of Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently.

They were honored at a surprise party given by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tony DePalma, and daughters Wendy and Susan Steadman, all of Feeding Hills.

The event took place at Valley Community Church hall. The couple was married June 19th at the Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield.



Mary A. Lee Named To Dean's List

Among the 42 students from Connecticut to be named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, is Mary A. Lee of 225 South Main Street, Suffield. Miss Lee will be a junior at the college in the fall.



Carolyn Pacewicz Named To Dean's List

Carolyn J. Pacewicz of Feeding Hills has been named to the Dean's List at Nichols College for the second semester of the 1978-79 academic year.

Miss Pacewicz, a graduate of Agawam High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pacewicz of 16 Red Oaks Circle. She is a member of the cheerleading team at Nichols.

Local Students On Deans List At AIC

Forty-eight continuing education students from Massachusetts and Connecticut achieved Dean's List standing at American International College for the spring semester.

Attaining this honor from the Agawam/Feeding Hills community are Richard A. Clark Jr. of 238 Maple Street; Douglas A. Duga of 480 North Westfield Street; Christopher P. Reilly of 128½ Walnut Street; and Sheila A. Swikalus of 18 School Street.

Cancer Fund Raisers & Events

Polish-American Club

June 30

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 28,29,30
A.R.T. Prod.
A Flea In Her Ear
Aga.Jr. High School
8:00 p.m.

June 30
Cancer Crusade
Flea Mkt. & Car Wash
Pol.-Am. Club
Southwick Street
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 30
4th of July Fireworks
Aga. High School
8:30 p.m.

July 1
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July 1
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Provost Elected To Fellowship

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Mr. Provost received his BS in 1969 and his MBA in 1975 from American International.

The Mass. Society of CPA's is an organization of over 4200 members founded in 1900 to promote and maintain the high standards of accounting. The society has continually worked for the profession through the voluntary efforts of its members.

Mr. Provost resides in Agawam.

Nocturnal Adoration Scheduled

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam/WestSpringfield will meet at Immaculate Conception Church, Main Street, West Springfield, on Friday, July 6th at 9 p.m. through Saturday, July 7th at 6 a.m.

Rev. Timothy Hallahan, pastor, will open with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be exposed throughout the nine hours. Rotating groups will change every hour and benediction will close the service at 6 a.m. Saturday.

Assisting Fr. Hallahan will be Chairman of the Immaculate Conception membership Charles J. Tighe and Louis J. Gallerani, president.

The public is invited to attend.

PWP To Hold Weekly Hops

Lake Side Chapter 990 of Parents Without Partners is holding a weekly record hop with Al Varela as DJ. They are held every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Brass Rail, Point Grove Road, Southwick.

All PWP members are invited to attend with admission being \$1.00

Anyone interested in joining the chapter may attend meetings held on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Brass Rail.

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St. David's Dedicates New Facilities



Pictured in recent dedication ceremony at St. David's Church are l-r, Right Reverend Conrad Gesners, Bishop retired Reverend Canon Bruce Wirtz, Reverend Bruce Benshoff, Right Reverend Alexander D. Stewart, Bishop of Western Mass., and architect Aldin Robbins.

On Sunday, June 24th, St. David's Episcopal Church celebrated the official dedication of a new parish hall addition located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The Building Campaign was begun with a very successful fund-raising drive during July, 1978, and ac-

tual construction was started in late September, 1978. The general contractor for the project was Roy Benjamin of Progressive Builders, Inc., of Agawam. The architect was Alden Robbins of the T. Frederick Norton firm of Cranston, Rhode Island.

The new addition connects the church building with the parish hall, and included in the structure are a multi-purpose room, a parish office, a vicar's study, a sacristy, two bathrooms, and a large basement. Also included in the building project is a new heating plant for all of St. David's buildings as well as new fire protection systems and considerable landscaping of the grounds.

The total cost of the building project is \$94,000.

Bishop Alexander Stewart, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, officiated at the dedication service assisted by Rev. Bruce Benshoff, vicar at St. David's. Area clergymen and Agawam town officials were in attendance, and the dedication and reception following were open to the public.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated



Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Montesi were recently honored on their 50th wedding anniversary by their daughter, Mrs. Marlene Nashville, and their son, Fred J. Montesi at the Silver Carriage Inn in Agawam.

Poetry On Music

The following are poems written by eighth grade students of music teacher Marie Meder after a study of musical instruments.

*The piano has an Italian name
88 keys that don't sound the same.
It has three strings for each key
Which makes it sound better to me.
On the piano there are three pedals,
And most of the time they're made of metal*
By Donald Scheichting

*The organ's sound is made with air,
The shapes of the keys are big and square.
The stops are found on the side,
The variety of sound is very wide.*
By Jan Andrichak

*The tuba is a member of the brass
When new, it looks like glass.
When old and dented from work and toil,
It looks like its made from aluminum foil.
It has three valves that you should lube,
And a spit valve to get water out of the tubes.
Its sound is very low,
And it takes a lot of air to go.
Its mouthpiece is big, and that's no lie,
And if you heard the sound, you'd know why.*
By Mike Petrone

*So now I tell you once again,
All the instruments are our friends.
Whether woodwind, brass, or keyboard,
I recommend the harpsichord.*

Babysitters' Class For Special Needs

A program has been in existence since the fall of 1978 called Babysitters and Companions of Special Needs Children. It has proven to be a positive and valuable step in aiding children with special needs.

Several high school students participated in an 8-week training session on babysitting techniques specifically for these children. The sitters are very enthusiastic in taking part and in giving aid to children.

If anyone feels this program could benefit him or his child, please contact Donna Dube at the Association for the Support of Human Services at 562-5678.

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third week of July. A councilor who asked not to be identified told the Advertiser/News that he will ask the council to reduce the \$200,000 earmarked for the free cash account if the local aid package is cut. "Of course, I'm still hoping that the figure we voted on hasn't been reduced to nothing by the time we get it from the legislators in Boston. It seems that the cities and towns always bear the brunt of the State's procrastinating and politicking.

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Greek Culture Alive At Robinson School

The gods of Mount Olympus are alive and well and are currently in residence at Robinson Park School. They have been summoned there from the distant past by the fourth and fifth graders, who have become immersed in mythology and Greek culture.

Last summer, Robinson Park School received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the Cultural Education Collaborative to develop curriculum which would utilize the resources of the Springfield Art Museum. A combination of imagination and enthusiasm led to the project which pervaded the whole school.

After reading the story of the Trojan War and becoming familiar with some aspects of ancient and modern Greek culture, all of the fifth graders visited the Classical Cast Collection at the G.W.V. Smith Museum. Each child either posed as a statue or read a dialogue consisting of conversations the gods might have had with a child on events of the Trojan War.

In another activity at the Museum of Fine Arts, the children looked for evidence of Greek influence in the art of post-classical times.

Many lessons in both fourth and fifth grades have dealt with Greek life, geography, and contributions to the modern world. Myths, architecture, and alphabet were also included in their study.

Fifth graders visited students in the lower grades to tell the story of the Trojan War and to encourage children to design a Trojan Horse for entry in a contest.

Several guest visited the school to show slides, teach some Greek language, songs, dances, and to show artifacts of Greek life.

On June 12, a mini-olympics was held with each fifth grade class representing a Greek city-state. Champions competed in four events, and winners were crowned. Poems of praise were read and Greek cookies were eaten by all.

The children of Robinson Park School have developed an appreciation for another culture, both past and present.

Photography Workshop Scheduled

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a special 3-session photography workshop beginning Sunday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m.

William a. Tompkins, adjunct professor of biology at Springfield College and former city naturalist of Springfield, is the course instructor. His photographic abilities have won him numerous recognition awards in various countries, especially in the nature slide competitions.

The photography workshop is for work with 35 mm cameras using either black and white or color film. Subject concentration will be "nature in summertime." An indoor orientation, outdoor work session, and final critique are scheduled for each of the two-hour meetings.

The Photography Workshop is open to the public, and a fee is charged. For more information and to make reservations, call Laughing Brook at 566-3571.



Agawam High School, class of 49, held its 40th reunion on June 9th at Storowton Tavern. Pictured l-r first row, Pearl Zabini Reale, Elmyra Powers Hamelin, Roberta Loomis Robinson, Irene Mulak Loomis, Margaret Ardizoni, Dorothy Button Lipps, Lilian Rossi Zajac, Ruth Babcock Newell, Second row l-r, Miss Emily McCormick, teacher, Miss Marjorie Ward, teacher, Norma Collie Connolly, Dorothy Steele Major, Fanny Rossini Cupidi, Jeannette Smith McCave, Zoafia Subotin Demko, Ruth Halladay McKenna, Kathleen Norris Letellier, Alice Kennedy LaFleur, Muriel Matheson Spear, Anna Beal LaFountain, Ruth Peterson Webster, Helen Carroll Harriman, Martha Tarnazzar Kent, Jean Goss, Rose Morris Haynes, Evelyn Gardner McDonnell. Third row l-r, Frank Lango Paul Langlois, teacher Roland Perusse, George Kachon, Roymond Phelps, Richard Johnson, Lino Gatti, Edward Nacewicz, Arthue Kerr, William Harrison, and Rodger Adams.

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"Spirit" Celebrates His Birthday

June 23, 1979, was an unusual day at St. Theresa's rectory in Agawam. "Spirit," a German Shepherd mascot of Cub Scout Pack 76 owned by Chaplain of the scouts Father Robert Choquette, was one year old and celebrated his birthday by having a "doggie Birthday party."

Cub scouts and friends with their family pets attended the celebration. There were refreshments for the various breeds of dogs - biscuits, dog food, and water. Refreshments of cake, ice cream, and

punch were served to the humans.

Spirit was presented with gifts of varieties of dog food, biscuits, rawhide specialties, and feeders. Party hats were presented to the attending guests and pets, and a yowling good time was had by all with the leashed canines on their best behavior.

The idea for the party for Spirit was originated by Den 2 Mother Una Trudell, who planned the whole event, which turned out to be a very successful, out-of-the-ordinary affair.

Mrs. Zucco Elected For 15th Term

Mrs. Ruth E. Zucco has been elected for her 15th term on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society of the Greater Springfield area. She has served as Crusade Chairman for many years in Agawam.

A long-time resident of Agawam and a civic-minded woman, she was recently installed as president of the Women's Auxiliary of Agawam VFW Post 1632.

She is employed at the H.D.R. Skills Center as an instructor and spends much of her own time doing volunteer work.

Mrs. Zucco is most grateful to the townspeople for their cooperation each year with the Cancer Society and urges everyone to contribute to the drive.

Construction Women Will Meet

"Why Nuclear Power" will be the topic of the guest speaker at the July dinner meeting of the National Association of Women In Construction, Chapter 115 of Greater Springfield.

The meeting will be held at Sheraton West on Riverdale Street, West Springfield on Tuesday, July 10, with social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30. Miss Lucille Harland, president, will preside.

Guest speaker will be William Semanie, public information manager of Northeast Utilities, who will speak on nuclear power and present a film "Nuclear Power in New England."

Reservations may be made with Frances Pedulla of Agawam no later than July 3rd.

Connelly To Host Town Meetings

State Representative Edward W. Connelly (R-Agawam) announced that he will be hosting two "town meetings" for the residents of the Third Hampden District. Rep. Connelly stated the purpose of these meetings is "to provide information pertaining to the Massachusetts legislature."

Residents of Russell, Montgomery, Chester, and Blandford are invited to attend the meeting being held at Russell Elementary School on June 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Residents of Southwick, Granville, and Tolland are invited to attend the meeting being held at Powder Mill School on June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Rep. Connelly looks forward to talking with residents of these communities and hopes many will be able to attend.

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Erin Moriarty, pictured above, was one of several children to have her face painted at the recent Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Jr. Women's Club. photo by Jack Devine

Copies of photos appearing in this issue may be obtained by calling Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Fourth Of July Events Slated

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in the fourth annual Fourth of July parade, which will be held on Sunday, July 1.

The parade will form on the corners of Springfield and Hastings, Kensington, and Norris Streets in Feeding Hills. All are requested to be in position at 11:30 a.m. with a step-off time at 12 noon sharp. The parade length will be 1.8 miles and will end at the Polish-American Club on Southwick Street.

Other events celebrating the Fourth of July will be a fireworks display on the grounds of the high school on Saturday, June 30, about 8:45 p.m. and a townwide picnic at the Polish Club on Sunday, July 1st, from 11:00 a.m. until ???

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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

I have some questions concerning the Agawam Police and the new ordinance recently passed that prohibits people from drinking in public areas such as parks, ball fields, and parking lots.

Is this to be used only to harrass young adults? If not, why, on the first day of June (Graduation Day), were two 18-year-olds arrested in Shea's Field, yet on June 14th, two softball teams, who were also in Shea's Field, were allowed to drink beer openly?

I saw a cruiser with two uniformed policemen in it drive around the field and one out-of-uniform policeman standing behind the team bench. No one even asked them to put the beer away.

Is this the discretion policemen are to use, or is it really that they enjoy harrassing the young? And before someone asks, I did not have anyone arrested under the new ordinance.

Dola Carter

To The Editor:

Our gas lines are now not only ridiculous, but dangerous, as more and more people panic at the thoughts of no fuel for their cars. Just look around you; it's getting bad.

Where are all these people going? To work, shopping, to the doctor? Who knows, but we are all getting uptight, I know I am.

If our learned Town Council had approved a business park for us, with all the facilities proposed, perhaps we would have fewer problems with travel and, who knows, maybe a few jobs in town. I'm waiting for an alternative from our representatives. I haven't heard one yet.

If, in rejecting this zoning request, the council was wrong, perhaps they could be big enough to ask the developers to meet with them and modify the proposal to help our town.

With no gas now, and a promise of no oil this winter, we, as citizens, had better watch out for ourselves as Government seems to create our problems, not solve them.

As long as Agawam remains a bedroom town for Connecticut workers, the demand for gas in Agawam will remain great. With a business base in town, maybe we can change some of this and keep some gas for our Agawam workers.

How about it, councilors. We need help!

Scott Savioli

To The Editor:

In response to several newspaper articles that have appeared recently, we would like to contribute information that

hopefully will clarify some of the misstatements, misconceptions, and comments that were made which were obviously issued without knowledge of the true situations.

Regarding five arrests of five persons on the closing day of school, it should be pointed out that these arrests did not take place on school property; and, in fact, because of the lack of information given to school staff, it is possible that a number of these arrests did not involve high school students. It was also stated that a police officer on this day brought to the high school office "a pile of burned books" and that Mr. T., the principal, took no action regarding them. The fact is that an officer did bring a pile of partially-burned paper and a loose-leaf notebook. There were no burned textbooks.

During the week of June 13th, the administration asked the police department to have a cruiser on the school grounds as often as possible on Monday and Tuesday, the last days of school. They were asked to observe the slope area and the parking lot primarily and to be available in the event that the administration needed them. We would like to commend Officers O'Keefe and Collins for the effective way in which they helped us during our closing. The newspaper article [Daily News] indicated that we had five additional policemen on the grounds during Tuesday's closing; but, to the best of our knowledge, they were only present on the area beyond the woods off school property where several persons had been involved in the possession of and the consumption of alcohol. As we understand it, this is where the arrests were made.

During the last day of school, a former student did enter the building (there are some 25 entryways) and discharged a large firecracker into a locker near the office. This did some minor damage to the hall locker. This incident was not ignored by the administration who took steps to have a willing student witness give a written report to the police officers on duty.

We would also like to comment on the following inference which has appeared in the newspaper. It has been stated that the Federal Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Bureau has been investigating problems of explosions at Agawam High School. It is true that an agent who is assigned to the Western Mass. area has discussed the matter with the high school administration, but he made it clear that his assignment currently

makes it necessary for him to visit all institutions in Western Mass. because of the increased prevalence of explosive devices. We would like to state unequivocally that we feel that problems with student behavior, whether in the school or outside of the school, have increased drastically since the legal age for securing alcohol was lowered to 18. The recent raising of the legal age to 20 probably will not restrict the use of alcohol for a few years to come since the young people have already found ways of obtaining supplies of alcohol even though they are under age.

In a recent local newspaper article, an Agawam citizen, who apparently prefers to use a pen name and to remain anonymous, accused the high school administration of "hiding things." Let us say that this is far from the truth as evidenced by the fact that for three years Mr. Theodorowicz has instituted a monthly parents' coffee hour. We wonder if Mr. Veritas has ever availed himself of these informational meetings or does he get his information over the fence in his back yard. At these coffee hours, the principals have taken parents on unannounced tours of the classrooms and building, have afforded parents an opportunity to air gripes, concerns, and to gain information regarding all school activities. We know that the topic of drug and alcohol use is a most popular point of discussion at these meetings. We find it difficult to understand under these circumstances why anyone would claim that the administration at any level is trying to withhold information.

One recent newspaper article indicated that the high school administration denied the police department access to the building. This is a ridiculous statement since we see policemen come to the office on many occasions when they want to discuss community problems with the administration. As a matter of fact, the school cannot deny the police department access nor would we want to under normal conditions when their help would be earnestly solicited to deal with problems of outsiders on the parking lot or elsewhere on the school grounds. This same newspaper article goes on to state that the administration "refuses to administer disciplinary action against offenders." All staff members would be aware of the fact that discipline is meted out in large doses. Detention time is served every day for those involved in various misdemeanors. We are all aware of the number of students who

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are suspended from school. We happen to know that during the year when a student was assessed a week of school suspension for an act of vandalism that Mr. T. was threatened by a relative of the student who claimed, "I will get you if it takes me five years!" Needless, to say the suspension period was served.

Regarding teacher morale, we feel that it is as satisfactory as can be expected in these difficult times. Two situations support our belief. First of all, we continue to have the same substitute teachers at Agawam High School. These substitute teachers have filled in at other area schools and, even though several of these systems pay a higher rate for substituting, they continue to serve Agawam. Secondly, we have a novel opportunity at Agawam High, namely, regular Time to Teach meetings. These meetings afford staff members the opportunity to submit anonymously gripes, complaints, suggestions at a meeting with Mr. Theodorowicz. It is interesting to note that the frequency of these meetings has lessened and when held, the gripes seem to center around such items such as: why are there so many announcements over the public address system, or, teacher objection to misconduct slips being left in a certain location in the office, or eligibility for students in the band. It is rare when complaints regarding discipline are brought forth. Even though these Time to Teach meetings traditionally are called by the teachers themselves, we know that Mr. Theodorowicz has of late been the moving force in his attempt to encourage these meetings. Incidentally, we know of no other high schools in the area that has provisions for this healthy type of teacher-administration communication.

Agawam High School Staff
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An ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS: Chapter 7 is hereby amended by adding the following new Section 7.4:

Sec. 7.4 It is hereby established in the Town of Agawam that, effective July 1, 1980, M.G.L.A., Chapter 148, Section 26C be adopted.
By order of the Agawam Town Council

Edward A. Caba
Town & Council Clerk

Approved by Town Council of Agawam
June 18, 1979

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An ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Section 4.3 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS: Chapter 4 is hereby amended, effective July 15, 1979, to add the following to Section 4.3:

Unless it is specifically stated in Town Ordinances or the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Mass. who the enforcing agent will be as to any particular law or ordinance, it is deemed that the Building Inspector will be the designated enforcing agent.
By order of the Agawam Town Council

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We are pleased to call this Mr. John O'Brien, Registrar to the attention of the legal of Probate in Springfield and profession and the citizens of Hampden County has Agawam. We encourage the officially announced our use of our paper for Probate acceptance by his office to matters, Town Hearings, Lost Passbooks, and other legal Agawam/Feeding Hills and notifications.

Town Council Will Meet

There will be a regular meeting of the Agawam Town Council on Monday, July 2, 1979, at the Agawam Junior High School at 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, beginning at 8 p.m.

School Committee Will Meet

There will be a meeting of the Agawam School Committee on Tuesday, June 26, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, beginning at 7 p.m.

Tsongas' Rep. To Hold Office Hours

Agawam, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Springfield, Southwick, Palmer, and Monson are the communities in which Senator Paul Tsongas' Western Mass. Field Representative will hold public office hours during the week of June 26th.

For the past two months, Tsongas staff member Bill Bradley has been meeting with residents of cities and towns throughout Western Massachusetts in an effort to provide regional services to constituents. Senator Tsongas encourages anyone who needs assistance on a federal matter or would like to obtain information

about federal legislation or programs to meet with Bradley. No prior appointment is necessary; constituents are seen on a first come, first serve basis.

According to Bradley, during the past weeks, people have sought assistance on a wide range of issues. He consults with the Boston and Washington Senate staffs when additional information is needed to an inquiry or request that he receives while "on the road."

Bradley will be in the Hearing Room at the Agawam Town Hall on Thursday, June 28, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

VIEWPOINT

By Ric Sardella

Will Council See The Light?

When the Agawam Town Council at their May 31 budget review session saw fit to pull the plug on all night time lighting at Shea's Field, Phelps School playground, and Borgatti Park, the move in this space was referred to as a boondoggle.

By attempting to save the town some \$7,500 in electricity payments, the Town Council has, in fact, created more headaches and stress on outdoor recreation than the move or the money is worth.

For Parks and Recreation Director Jack Kunasek, it meant re-vamping the entire schedule of the Parks and Rec sponsored Men's Softball Leagues. Because the fenced-in diamond at Borgatti Park will no longer be lit after July 1st, games of the Agawam Athletic Association's little league contingents will find men's slow pitch softball right on top of the tykes. And with the reconstruction of the various playing fields at the Agawam High School, the town's Legion team and two suburban baseball squads will just add to the already crowded conditions at the town's athletic facilities. Kunasek said he is still trying to figure out what to do with the Legion and suburban squads.

The Borgatti Park basketball court, likewise, will no longer get the kind of use it normally would receive during the summer months. Most folks utilize the hoops at night. The Summer Basketball League, set up to nurture talent for the high school's varsity team, will be forced indoors. And what about the hoopsters who enjoy pick-up games once the sun has gone down? Where will they be allowed to play at night?

Public tennis, a very laughable commodity in Agawam, simply will cease to exist. Two nights of the week, Shea's Field will be used for lessons until 8 p.m., while Phelps courts will have instruction the other two nights. Where will the working people go to play a casual set of tennis at night? Longmeadow? West Springfield? Springfield? All of these communities are not very receptive to "aliens" using their facilities. Oh, well, Wimbledon is coming. Maybe we can get some practice by watching Borg beat Connors again.

According to Kunasek, Western Mass. Electric Company does not plan to remove the light standards at this time. "The electric light company does not plan to take out the lights right now because it's been their experience that communities change their minds. They don't want to remove them only to have a community say put them back a year later," he explained.

Two years ago, the Town Council appropriated \$2,000 for the upgrading of the basketball lights at Borgatti Park. Western Mass. Electric reimbursed the town for the investment, in full. Not a bad deal.

The breakdown of what each facility costs the community readily reveals the small amount that the Town Treasurer pays to electric company officials: \$2,400 for Borgatti Park softball lights, \$650 for the basketball court at the same facility, \$2,000 a piece for each tennis court. The council allocated just \$750 to Kunasek for electricity after July 1st.

As stated before, the Council's concern for the taxpayers hard-earned bucks is very noble. But why not get the most out of each athletic facility? The cost for the electricity seems fair enough. The enjoyment and use each facility receives cannot be assessed in dollars and cents. We have the light standards. Why not continue to provide the community with as much outdoor recreational opportunities as possible while the nice weather is with us? Besides, if there is any abuse to the lighting equipment, the local utility firm pays for all repair costs. That sounds like quite a fair shake to the taxpayer.

Maybe Council President Richard Theroux is right. "I can see the consequences of that move," he declared some two weeks ago. Kunasek said that so far few people in town have responded to the council's action. That is only because the lights are still illuminating each respective facility. But what will happen after July 1? Maybe a hostile response by the electorate a few weeks from now will rescind that resolution. Good thing it's an election year!

...Or Has The Council Heard Stereophonic Sound?

The 1978-79 fiscal session is just about over. For the Agawam Town Council and Town Manager Peter Caputo, the process of assembling the budget for fiscal year 1979-80 went smooth as silk in comparison to other years under this form of government. Their professionalism is commendable.

Last Monday evening, twelve councilors and Caputo added the final touches to the new municipal budget and also, in quick and craftsman-like manner, mopped up some leftover items from the outgoing municipal budget.

This Mr. Clean act came in the form of some 26 last-minute fund transfers from one municipal account to another for a variety of purposes. One of those cash flows, Addenda Item 26, read as follows: "Transfer - \$8,000 from General Reserve Fund to Account 470 Electric Light and Communication Equipment-Town Council. Take whatever action the Council desires."

To simplify things a bit, the Council's final municipal act of the 78-79 fiscal year was to appropriate some \$8,000 for a new sound system specifically for use at the regular meetings of the 15 elected officials. Apparently, some residents were experiencing difficulty hearing the dialogue amongst our elected representatives. Therefore, a grandiose sound unit is necessary to amplify the murmuring sounds on the Council floor.

A new sound system for the Town Council costing \$8,000 of the taxpayers money? What happened to fiscal austerity and tight monetary control and all that sort of rot? And why did the action pass by an easy 12-0 ballot?

Despite claims by various residents that the present sound system muffles the voice of the Council, one has to question seriously whether the fault lies in the equipment or is it because some councilors do not always speak into their microphones properly? The feeling here is that the latter explanation holds true.

As mentioned and harped upon previously in this space, the Council recently voted not to allocate the Parks Department approximately \$7,500 in funds usually earmarked to pay electricity bills for all parks and playground lighting during the night time summer months. The move was termed not just a simple inconvenience to the community, but a neglect of the public welfare.

The point here is does the number of residents who attend Council meetings equate the number of residents who enjoy twilight recreation at Shea's Field, Phelps School playground, or Borgatti Park? I think not.

In a recent article in the *Springfield Daily News* publicizing the new sound system, something about "\$8,000 was a meager price to improve the democracy in the community" was quoted from one of our long time political operatives.

I rather believe that somewhere along the line, the definition of what democracy represents became clouded. Doesn't democratizing the system mean serving the majority and not just the few? In all due respect to Mr. Caputo and the Council, the attendance at their weekly session is non-existent compared to the large number of residents who utilize the lit recreational facilities. And in all due respect to the residents who are regular attendees of the Council meetings, this message is certainly not to imply that your sentiments don't count. Democracy always means protecting individual rights.

If you cannot hear what is going on, please loudly speak up and ask your elected representatives to speak directly into the microphone at hand in a clear voice. It seems that \$8,000 is a terrible waste of valuable taxpayers dollars to correct a problem with such a simple and inexpensive solution.

Nonetheless, if we can afford money for a sound system, needless an expenditure as it is, then we can certainly afford enough bucks to keep us softballers, hoopsters, tennis buffs, and local fans active as the stars twinkle high above our athletic facilities.

Independence Day Message

Long gas lines and soaring gas prices. Inflation. Unemployment. Three Mile Island and the nuclear confusion. Trucker's striking while DC 10's cannot get off the ground. SALT II and the MX Missile System. American ambassador's shot, embassy's taken over and a journalist brutally murdered. Terrorism. Cancer.

The list of vices and troubles which plague contemporary America could go on and on. Things certainly don't look encouraging these days. As Johnny Carson would say, "The good news is that today the bad news wasn't so bad. The bad news is that there never is any good news." Or something like that.

Next Wednesday marks this country's two hundred and third birthday. Many people believe that Uncle Sam has aged beyond recognition. Others maintain that only major surgery will cure his many ailments. The most cynical contend that the affliction has gone too long unchecked...the old uncle is dying.

Yes, July 4, 1979, certainly can be termed a far cry from the excitement and good spirits that existed just three years ago on the holiday. The Bicentennial was a short-term shot of adrenalin for Americans. It now seems the injection has worn off.

Maybe Jimmy Carter's statement that "government's powers are limited and it cannot solve all of America's problems" is a revelation that many of us already knew. Yet to hear it from our nation's highest official didn't seem quite right. Maybe waiting four hours in a gas line or witnessing violence at the pumps only drives home Carter's contention.

But wait a minute. Are all these problems-mentioned thus far so new to us? Sure, gas lines are a novelty at the moment. And isn't the gas crunch more or less responsible for the new wave of cynicism sweeping from coast to coast?

Since the gas crisis certainly will pass through the July 4th holiday, the question that now remains is will this inconvenience spoil the most important date in the country's history?

Our Founding Fathers would roll in their graves if their historic Declaration of Independence were lost in a six-block gas line or complaints that staying home with the family just doesn't make a Fourth of July. Maybe people should stay home. Enough is going on right in their own backyards.

Besides, Americans have plenty to be thankful for. Just the fact we don't live under a communist rule or one of those false democracies that cloak a military dictatorship is enough. The United States remains the beacon of humanitarianism in this world. Just ask those Viet Nam refugees how fine a country we have.

Sure, we have pressing problems that need solutions before it becomes too late. But under what other system in the world could these solutions be found without a total collapse of institutions and social fabric?

Perhaps axioms such as "America, love it or leave it!" and "My country, right or wrong" are not conducive to solving riddles that will make this country and the world a better place to live. Yet a little patriotism and faith in all the good that has elevated us into a pillar of iron for the free world to follow isn't such a bad idea. Nor is being patriotic anything to be ashamed of, as the Jane Fonda's would have us believe.

So on this Fourth of July, count your blessings and be proud to be an American. As long as we share that belief, the spirit of what our Founding Fathers accomplished shall live on.

Avoid Highway Deaths

"Although Fourth of July does not fall on a weekend this year, I want to urge all motorists to treat it and the rest of the holiday summer season with great care," said Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin.

"Our last holiday weekend resulted in the needless, wasteful deaths of 17 people. Despite the mandatory 55 mile an hour speed limit and the gasoline shortage, our Massachusetts record of deaths is deplorable," he added, "with an all-time record of nearly 400 deaths so far this year."

"I also want to caution drivers to check their cars for the possibility of brake failure and over heating and to make sure their tires are properly inflated for long periods of hot weather driving while carrying the weight of a family and luggage."

"Despite the raising of the drinking age, motorists continue to treat a can of beer as though it were a soft drink beverage, especially during the warmer months. Possession of open containers of liquor in a car is a serious offense. Drinking drivers still constitute the highway's worse menace," McLaughlin added.

The registrar also cautioned that there are others sharing the roads with the motorist. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists have the right to use the road, with the exception of interstate highways where posted.

There will be literally millions of out-of-state visitors and we Massachusetts drivers must realize our guests' impressions of us will be based on our driving habits, according to McLaughlin. "I ask you to be a courteous driver, a safe driver, one who cares for his family and the families of others," he said. "The Fourth marks the official start of vacation time and that should not include needless sadness and tragedy."

Westover Trust Bill With Ways & Means

Representatives Edward Connelly (R-Agawam) and Walter DiFilippi (R-West Springfield) announced that the Committee on Education reported favorably a bill ratifying the establishment of the Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative Trust. The bill now goes to the House Ways and Means Committee.

"The act contains several points," explained Rep. DiFilippi. "It authorizes the trust to receive, remodel and

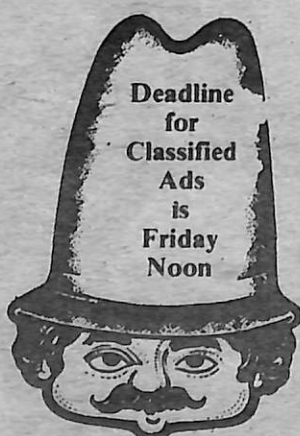
maintain a building formerly used as a hospital at the Westover Air Base in Chicopee. It will then be leased to the Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative for the purpose of a vocational education institution. It also authorizes member cities and towns to raise the necessary funds for participation."

Rep. Connelly stated, "Agawam, Granby, Ludlow, South Hadley, and West Springfield comprise the membership of

the collaborative at this time. However, any city or town located within Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester Counties may join the collaborative."

Both legislators have expressed strong support for the program, citing a greater need for vocational educational opportunities in Western Massachusetts.

Action on the bill is expected to take place shortly in the House Ways and Means.



Sports

Agawam Women's Softball Report

The Agawam Women's Softball League saw lots of action last week. The Buccaneer continued its winning ways with victories over Italian Sporting Club and Ciro's.

Jessica's is also on a winning streak with three consecutive wins. Their biggest win, which must be termed an upset, was an 11-5 victory over the Polish Club. Jessica's took a commanding 6-0 lead in the first inning and held the usually strong hitting Polish Club scoreless until the fourth inning when they gave up three runs. The Polish squeezed in two more runs in the sixth inning, but to no avail as Jessica's answered with three of their own, producing the final score.

Deb Markh, Lisa Anino, Jenny Strong, and Diane Jeserski all went 3 for 4 at bat for the winners.

Springfield Turnverein had a good week with two victories. The first one was over Kelly's Pub, and the second a 4-0 win versus the Village Lounge. Carol Potvin pitched a

three-hitter against the Lounge.

The Bad News Bears are back on the winning track again with victories over Wimpy's and an upset over the Polish Club.

Southworth Paper Co. downed Kelly's Pub 16-6. Cathy Gale homered twice and had a triple for the winners. Pam Bryant smashed a two-run homer in the losing cause.

STANDINGS

A DIVISION

Buccaneer	13-0
Spfld. Turnverein	8-2
Polish Club	7-4
Village Lounge	5-5
I.S.C.	4-5-1
Ciro's	4-7
Elbow	3-8

B DIVISION

Southworth Paper	11-3
Jessica's	6-6
Bad News Bears	5-5
Purple Onion	5-8
Wimpy's	3-7
Snap On Tools	3-7-1
Kelly's Pub	0-12

Catch Of The Day



Dick Godet, Agawam, is holding up a double limit of beautiful rainbow trout recently caught at Otis Reservoir. The State Hatcheries are doing an excellent job! photo by Bill Chiba

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



Otis Reservoir, or I should say Tolland State Forest, is now open for camping and picnicking. The sewage treatment facility is now in operation. Camping procedure is the same as in the past—first come, first served. No reservations.

Fishing has slowed down the last week due to the increase in temperature of the water. The boat fishermen have to work harder for their fish.

The gas situation is having its effect on recreation areas such as the Cape. Reports are that gasoline is cheaper there, and there are no lines. Hell, there would not be a line here if the stations all stayed open the same time instead of all being closed the same time. It sure looks like conspiracy among station owners and operators. Why they are taking it out on the people who kept them in business over the years is a mystery. Of course, another train of thought is that they are making too much money on a gallon of gas (12 cents a gallon) and can afford to close up two to three days a week and still make a damn good week's pay.

It is about time the Town Council stepped in and did something about this crisis in Agawam. This morning the cars are backed up from the BP station in Feeding Hills Center to South West Street. If the owners will not cooperate, then let the Town lower the boom.

The gas situation has many businesses in a frenzy, especially those who rely on out of state and distant state residents for business. The Eastern States Exposition officials are on a wait-and-see status. The Governor will have to make a move sooner or later, good or bad; at least, you will be able to plan ahead.

If you are finding it difficult to secure archery equipment these days, you might contact the Pine-Archery shop at 108 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham. Dick Daris is the owner, and he carries a complete line. If he does not have what you want, he will get it for you.

The Agawam Bowmen club members are meeting every Thursday at 6 p.m. for a get-together and 14 target round of shooting. Practice makes perfect, and if you have a few hours of free time, come on out and join the gang. They are a friendly group of people and will gladly assist you in solving any problems that you may have in shooting the bow. Compound or recurve, makes no difference. Someone there is qualified to help you. You are welcome to join the organization. The club is located on the Southwick/Agawam line, Route 57.

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a recycled playground, a picnic area, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and 25 acres of woods with trails and streams. They are located at the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Street just off Rte 75.

The programs include available swim lessons, tennis lessons, teen programs, babysitting, special events such as a pool-side dinner dance, fitness classes and more.

The pool is open from June 26th to Sept. 4 daily from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. The tennis courts are open daily from 9 a.m. until dark.

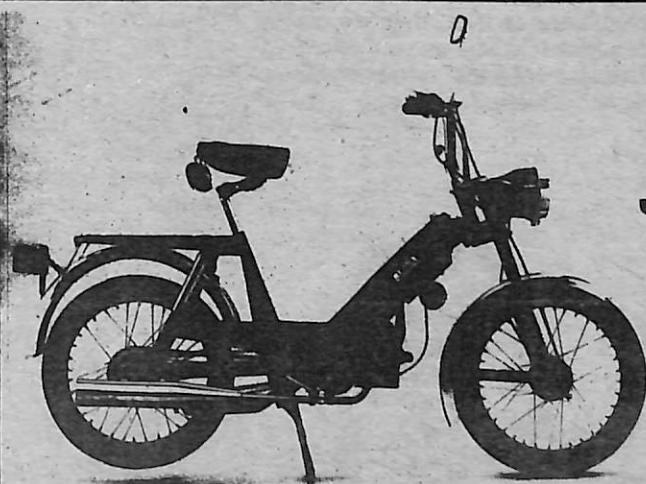
A family may join for the price of a little over 100 gallons of gasoline, or if you convert that to distance, it equals approximately 1500 miles at 15 miles per gallon.

Mr. Steffey, the Family Center director, said he believes "that in this excellent facility and with our highly competent and experienced staff, the YMCA is providing a real alternative for families who can't afford to travel for a vacation, yet want to enjoy what little time off they have together. \$95 is an unbelievably inexpensive fee for two months of swimming and tennis and all that is thrown in with it for a family."

The "Y" hopes people will take advantage of this opportunity when all the other prices around us are climbing so rapidly and travel is becoming a major consideration in summer planning. Anyone wishing to sign up may call the Springfield YMCA at 739-6951, ext. 253.

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Little League Highlights

SENIOR DIVISION

Even though the Pirates had a strong end-of-the-game threat, they could not pull it out of the bag as the Orioles won 8-6 on Tuesday, June 12. A close finish left bases loaded for the Pirates with a threat in the 7th as they narrowed the margin with two more runs coming in.

Singles by Keith Wyckoff, first base, Pat Sheehan, catcher, Frank Armstrong, pitcher, and Tom Butt, 3rd base, helped the Orioles score runs in four of the seven innings.

Fred Armstrong gave up only three hits as he twirled a good game, pitching for the seven innings. Infielders Tony Venturini at SS and Andy Paul at 2nd base played good defense.

Hitting for the Pirates were Mark Goodwin, Ron Morgan, and John Franco.

Great fielding by Matt Dupont and Walter Fogg, terrific pitching by Mike Quill, and hot bats by Eric Blanchard (a single), Mike Quill and Steve Kovalsky (each a double), Ed Kraft (3 singles), and Boo Smith (2 doubles) led the way for a 14-3 victory, Red Sox over the Mets on Wednesday, June 13.

Hurlers for the Pirates on June 14th were Ron Morgan and Joe Warren, who held the Orioles to four runs while the Pirates scored 7.

Six Pirates players in the line-up had hot bats. Connecting with singles were Joe Warren, Ron Morgan, and Paul Franco. Mark Goodwin had two singles, and Paul Tatro had a double. George Groom smashed a double and a single.

Billy Groom played great defense with an unassisted double play. All the Pirates played a good game.

Tony Venturini, Orioles, had six assists at shortstop, while Bob Santaniello looked good on the mound as he pitched 7 innings.

A home run was smashed by Andy Paul, Orioles. Hitting a single and a double was Pat Sheehan, and Mike Butt connected with a base hit.

A close game, 5-3, had the Red Sox over the Mets on June 15. Boo Smith, Red Sox, pitched a great game striking out 6. He gave up only one hit, but was hurt by 3 errors in the

second inning. He also played heads-up fielding from the mound as one of his defensive plays turned into a key double play, which was decisive in getting him out of a 7th inning jam.

A Well-played game on June 18 had the Orioles over the Red Sox 8-7. Hitting for the Red Sox were Mark Noack and Ed Kraft. Eric Blanchard had an RBI for the night and showed great defense playing as he made two good catches in right field.

The entire Pirates team played well as they won 8-4 over the Mets on June 19. Connecting with a single for the night was Eugene McLean; Mark Goodwin with two singles; and Tony Buoniconti with three singles. Paul Tatro had 3 for 4 with two doubles and a single. A double and two singles were hit by Ron Morgan, the pitcher.

MAJOR DIVISION

Great pitching was twirled by Mark Breault and Barry McKay of the Red Sox on June 12. Red Sox scored 4-3 over the Orioles as Bob wing and Mark Breault smashed doubles. A good bunt was put out by Bob Pylon and Barry McKay connected with two hits. Great Little League ball was played by all.

The Indians fell to the Dodgers on June 13. Pitcher Ron Viens did a great job on the mound, and errors contributed to 5 unearned runs for the Dodgers. Todd Goodrich of the Indians played well at SS.

Strong pitching for six innings by Tony Antico, Yankees, could not stop the Orioles smashing an 18-6 victory June 14.

Steve Allen, center field, had a good catch playing defense. a triple was hit by Ron Hannah, and Scott magnusen hit a double and a single. Singles were smashed by Tony Antico, Mark Petrucci, and Steve Allen.

Damaging errors in the field resulted in the defeat of the Red Sox against the Dodgers June 15. The final score was 6-2.

Although the game was close until the later innings, the Orioles pulled ahead of the Indians June 18. Final score was 11-8.

Ron Viens and Todd Goodrich did excellent fielding for the Indians. Connecting for the Indians were Mike Karam, a

single; Philip Borrello, a double; and D. Leighton with 3 hits.

Helping their team with good defense were Orioles Mike Shayda, Chris Albano, and Mike Augusti. Craig Quaglini had a home run and a double. Batting doubles were Chris Albano and David Kingsley.

The Dodgers squeezed by the Yankees 6-5 on June 19 as almost every player on the Yankees had a single and Ted Malachowski smacking a double. The Yankees played their best game of the season.

MINOR DIVISION

Game 1 - Red Sox winners over the Orioles 16-2. This was the fifth straight win for the minor Red Sox. David Webster, pitcher, had a triple and 2 RBI's while catcher Steve Amato had a 2-run double.

Game 2 - Mets over Yankees 13-2. The Mets showed their best effort of the year both offensively and defensively. Pitchers Matt Rinaldi and Shawn Smith allowed only two runs and were backed up by great hitting from all team members.

Game 3 - Indians over Dodgers 7-2. An excellent game was played by the Indians.



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Little league players on the Orioles team are l-r, front row, Mike Butt, Andy Paul, Anthony Venturini, Tim Wyckoff, Keith Wyckoff, John Hannah. Second row, Frank Armstrong, Bob Santanillo, Bruno Antico, Dino Tangredi, Pat Sheehan, John Pidgeon, Tom Butt, and John Hannah.

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Welcome To My World

By Charles Duclos

Father's Day Special

Every Father's Day seems to get better and better around here as the kids get older. The gifts and cards are more unique, and the "old man" (easy on the old please) has less and less to do on that day. This year's was flavored with an extra special touch. My daughter Deanne, being only 10 and short of financial backing, decided that she would show her appreciation for me by taking yours truly to the Appalocsa Horse Show at the Eastern States in West Side.

Now I can honestly say that horse flesh is not one of my areas of expertise. As a matter of fact, there are only a few times that I'm interested in this species of animal. One is when the rider has a feather tied around his head, and he's being chased by John Wayne. Another occurs when I pick him at the track, and he pays handsomely on my two-dollar investment - which I can assure you does not happen often.

But we did traipse through the barns down at the Expo, and eventually wended our way into the Colliseum, where we were

treated to some truly elegant displays of horse-handling, riding, colorful dress of the riders, and all-around showmanship.

There is an efficient quietness about these people who travel great distances to have their prized possessions judged. No one says much, but the bond of unity is strong, and each person and animal in the maze of barns and stalls seems to know exactly where to be and when to be there with the least amount of direction.

This type of coordination will lead us back to other shows of this type until I'm more knowledgeable about this breed, as well as quarters, Morgans, and Clydesdales. Thanks, Deanne. It was a great present.

AAA News

The girls' 13-15 softball game this week pitted the Police Association against J.W. Wimpy's. Wimpy's was dropped 15-9. Melissa Copple drove in two runs for the Police, while Diane Goodman homered with one on in the 4th inning. Wimpy's Debbie Dalton also smashed a home run.

Good defensive performances were turned in by Gina Letellier, Ellen Smith, Sue Bodurtha, and Lena Kozloski.

Forfeiture

Toomey-O'Brien chalked up another win when the 10-12 girls' softball team, playing for the Polish Club failed to field a complete team. Umpires Laurie Saracino and Linda Kunasek declared the forfeiture after giving ample time for the teams to gather their forces.

Protection Please

I have been known to get upset with some of the calls that umpires make during a game, especially when they're made against the team that I'm rooting for. However, no one, including this writer, wishes to see anyone get hurt. The last two games that I've attended the umpires did not wear protective gear. I feel that at minimum a face mask should be worn when officiating behind the plate is done.

Make Up Game

Bill O'Brien's 13-14 boys' soccer team finished their regular season by downing St. Catherine's of Springfield in a 4-0 contest. Tallies were made by Davey Jenks, Billy O'Brien, Jay Kamyk, and Dave Duclos.

This win has run O'Brien's record to 12 wins and 2 losses for the season. Now on to the playoffs.



The YMCA facilities in Agawam are offering the very best in summer activity for Agawam youth in their two day camp programs.

Mr. George Steffey, director of the facility,

said, "For many kids, after they are out of school for a few days, they are already bored. Their mother is starting to yell at them more than she would like to hear herself and neither can come up with creative alternatives for summer activity. Sometimes the result produces some negative and destructive patterns for the children and feelings of failure for the parents. The "Y" has day camps not only to give the kids something to do and teach them some skills like swimming, but also to create a context in which children will have creative, imaginative counselor models that will help lead them in constructive use of their play time. Crafts are fun, but also develop a child's imagination and teach them how to use many common household supplies to create with. Music is enjoyable and the

children learn that you don't have to be in school or church to just go ahead and sing. There are many other examples of the kind of development that is taught at the day camps."

Camp Little Stream is for 3 to 5 year olds and meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost is \$30 for each two-week session, plus a \$7.50 Basic Membership fee.

Camp Summatime is for 6 to 12 year olds and meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$49.50 for each two-week session, plus a \$7.50 Basic Youth membership.

Transportation is available for both camps. They begin on July 2nd and are for four consecutive two-week sessions.



Pictured above is a new spring foal with her mother and owner. photo by Jack Devine



Jack Devine, Heart Fund Chairman, talks over plans for the up-coming Heart Fund Softball game with Sheriff Michael Ash and Police Chief Stanley Chiemilewski. Scheduled to play on July 16th are the Agawam Police Department vs. the Hampden County Court Officers at Sacred Heart Field at 8:30 PM.

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On Friday, June 15, the Sacred Heart Crusaders travelled to Holyoke to play St. Jean. They won by a score of 5-3.

Ken Peck pitched a strong game and also contributed to the win by driving in two runs. Ralph Albano also knocked in two runs to add to the score.

Tuesday, June 19, the Crusaders opened their first home game with a 5-1 win over the West-Springfield VFW.

David Vecciarelli hurled a two-hitter until the sixth inning. At that point, Ken Peck came in to put out the fire and preserve the victory for Sacred Heart. Ralph Albano and Tim Desmond led the attack with a couple of RBI's apiece.

The Crusaders winning streak came to a halt Thursday night, June 21, as they faced the Holyoke Allies. Sacred Heart lost a heartbreaker to the strong Allies by the score of 4-3.

The Crusaders out-hit the Allies 8-4, and John Calabrese pitched a good game. Mike Wagner, Frank Rondoletto, and John Calabrese were the main hitters for Sacred Heart.

Standings

9-10 BOYS American League

Yankees	6-3
Red Sox	6-3
Twins	3-4
Royals	1-8

National League

Brewers	7-2
Dodgers	6-3
Tigers	4-4
Astros	1-7

11-12 BOYS

White Sox	7-3
Angels	6-4
Pirates	6-5
Braves	4-4
Yankees	3-6
Red Sox	2-6

13-15 BOYS

Dodgers	7-1
Royals	6-2
Yankees	6-2
Giants	4-6
Athletics	2-6
Pirates	2-6
Braves	1-5



A.A.A. Baseball Standings

BOYS 8-10 American League

Hampden Fence	11-0
Agawam DPW	7-4
Stan's Softserv	6-6
AAA Landscape	4-8
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Agawam High School Girls Track Team l-r first row, Lori Cosby, Lisa Allen, Donna Reginer, Freida Bauman, Dana Moraski, Captain Lisa Impoco, Pam Berube, Betty Lombardo. Second row, Kathy Spellacy, Lori Krolicki, Donna Phillips, Natalie Richie, Karen Vangnesse, Cathy Curran, Anna Scidero, Bernie Wilson, Mary Taupier, Kathy Nicora. Third row, Coach Paul Blodgett, Chris Liberty, Joanne Landers, Karen Barr, Ann Sherry, Denise Murray, Anna Iacola, Tracy Brown, Patty Smith, Anna Pileri, Ann Taupier, Coach Lorraine Greguoli. Photo by Jack Devine.

July 4th Activities

General Chairman Jack Kunasek announced today an invitation to individuals and organizations to take part in Agawam's Fourth of July picnic, parade, and fireworks.

A giant aerial fireworks display will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 30th on the grounds of Agawam High School. Raindate for the fireworks will be Saturday, July 7th.

Agawam's 4th annual parade will be held on Sunday, July 1st. The parade will begin promptly at noon at Norris and Kensington Streets j. st off Springfield Street. The parade will proceed up Springfield Street to the Polish American Club grounds. Please contact Jack Kunasek at the Parks and Recreation Office if you would like to enter a unit in the parade.

As in the past, any civic group who would like to reserve a spot at the Polish Club for any type of food stands, games of chance, etc. are requested to contact Ted Twarog at

786-6105 or Bill Kushin at 786-6053. The picnic will begin at noon on Sunday, July 1st at the Polish Club.

The following committees will serve with Kunasek: Parade Committee - Marcia Albano and Charlotte Venturini; Picnic Committee - Ted Twarog and Bill Kushin; Special Events and Publicity - Ruth Zucco.

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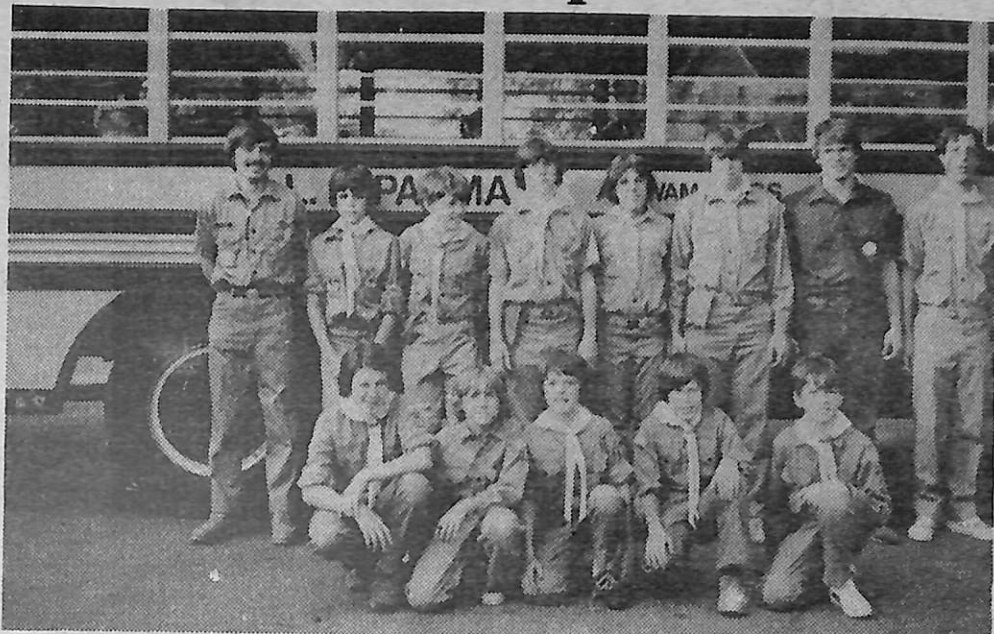
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Scouts Camp Out At Greylock



Scouts from troop 76 camped out at Mt. Greylock State Reservation. Pictured from l-r are, front row, Brian Struct, Tim Hurley, Billy Myers, John Stokowski, Todd Jedhiny. Second row, l-r, Scoutmaster David Raiche, Tony LaViolette, Guy Jedhiny, Mike Poirier, David Fleury, Mark McFaden, and Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Field.

Eleven scouts and three leaders attended the first annual out of council trip for Troop 76, which was for this year to Mt. Greylock in Adams, Massachusetts.

The scouts left Friday night and camped Friday and Saturday at Mt. Greylock State Reservation. Saturday, they hiked 8 miles along the Hopper Trail to the summit, the highest peak in Massachusetts. On Sunday, the troop visited the Hancock Shaker Village before returning home.

Troop 76 is sponsored by St. Theresa's Church in Agawam and meets every Friday night from September to May.

Agawam Women Named Real Estate Analyst



Cynthia Callahan

Cynthia Callahan of Agawam has been named Real Estate Investment Analyst in the Real Estate Investment Division of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., it was announced today.

A native of Springfield, Miss Callahan was graduated with honors from Westfield State College where she earned a BS degree in education and

received a MBA degree from the University of Massachusetts. She has also completed professional courses with the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Prior to joining Mass. Mutual a year ago, she was employed in Springfield by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Work Opportunity Center Grants DSA's



Distinguished Service Awards were presented to retiring members of the Board of Directors of the Work Opportunity Center. Left to right are Eva Barnfather, Executive Director, Dr. Donald Snyder, Chris Grammaticas, and Catherine Fitzgerald, president of Work Opportunity Center.

Catherine Fitzgerald, president of the Work Opportunity Center, has recently presented Distinguished Service Awards to two retiring members of the Board of Directors.

Chris Grammaticas, superintendent of schools, and Dr. Donald Snyder, administrator of special services for West-Springfield Public Schools, have served with distinction on the Board of Directors for ten years.

The Work Opportunity Center was established in September of 1969 to serve both mentally and physically handicapped citizens. The number of clients has increased from nine in 1969 to over 90 at the present time.

Craft Adventure Scheduled

The 1979 Craft Adventure, sponsored by the Creative Crafts department of the Eastern States Exposition in West-Springfield, has been scheduled for Thursday, August 30 in the Youtharama Building. Hours of the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and admission is \$1.

According to Helen Bardwell, director of Creative Crafts at the Exposition, the contest, which has grown in popularity over the past few years, aims to carry on the tradition of creative handicrafts in America and stimulate interest in good design and well-executed workmanship. It

also encourages creative and original work.

The contest has several categories including hooked rugs and items made by the traditional method; yarn-made rugs including latched and pinch hook; braided rungs and items; vestamayd rugs and items; shirret rugs and items; canvas embroidery; crewel embroidery, weaving, and macrame.

This year, explains Mrs. Bardwell, the embroidery classes have been expanded. Each entry must be a recently completed work, finished and hand made by the entrant. This does not include antique quilts. The product should be new in appearance, neat, clean, and not previously shown in a Big E contest.

The winning entries in the contest will be displayed at the 1979 Eastern States Exposition in the Youtharama Building. The fair will be held September 12-23.

Entries are limited to two per person and should be equipped for hanging when possible and practical.

Persons interested in contest entry information should contact Mrs. Helen Bardwell at the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. Deadline for entries is August 11, 1979.

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Once in a while, Nature plays out one of its little dramas using a familiar cast of characters. Such was the case the other day when for the umpteenth time my dauntless, albeit dull-of-mind, cat Vergil decided to attack a nearby Blue Jay nest.

Two facts should be related to give some perspective to the situation. First, the nest is high in an oak tree which grows across a brook from our house. Second, the cat spent a good deal of his life in the wilds of Vermont where he was free to hunt at will and rarely returned to the house empty pawed. He is not a quitter, but I think he has met his match.

This particular morning was bright and sunny, and perhaps Vergil would instinctively know that the parents would be out collecting breakfast for those succulent bundles of joy left in the nest. I am up early and out hanging a wash; his activities can be clearly seen.

The path to the tree is well known; he crosses the brook via a fallen log and pads gently towards the tree. In the sunlight, he is sleek and long; his slender, gray body now seen, now lost in the brush. He reaches the tree and begins the ascent. He inches toward the nest I judge to be about 25 feet off the ground. He climbs efficiently and is perhaps a good fifteen feet up before the first belligerent cry is heard from another nearby tree. A parent has returned and is out for blood.

Vergil freezes. Apparently he remembers prior encounters and anticipates the ferocity of the fight. He hesitates, then continues up. The other parent has heard the distress call and arrives on the scene. My cat continues up.

One of the Jays flies to the home tree and perches on a branch just off of Vergil's reach. The noise was incredible. Both Jays are squawking as if the sound of their noise should shake him from the tree. The parent paces the branch continuously scolding the cat. He retreats down the tree. His eyes are riveted on the Jay. The other parent flies to the nest and assures itself that all is fine. Vergil reaches the ground and follows the path back to the brook crossing.

The jays are not contented to let him go so easily this time. Whether by chance or by design I don't know, but the birds wait until the cat is near the middle of the log before they begin their attack. In alternate turns, the pair swoops down towards the hapless cat who is forced to crouch against the log for his only protection.

Every step or two is met by another dive-bombing attempt, and it takes him a long time to cross the brook. It would make a more satisfying story to say he lost his balance and

fell in, but that did not happen. He reached the other side safely and took refuge under the picnic table.

I have not seen him approach the nest since, but his appearance in the backyard sometimes initiates a chorus of objection from across the water.

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One reader called in last week to ask exactly what I meant in last week's column by "squeezing out" a worm to feed to young birds.

Distasteful as it sounds, I mean literally squeeze them to a pulp. Young birds in the wild receive food after it has been well worked over and sometimes partially digested by their parents. For this lady, at least, the use of canned dog food had much more appeal.

Program On Snakes Slated

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a special program for families on Saturday, July 14, at 2 p.m. The two-hour program is titled "A Family of Snakes."

Staff Naturalist Tom Tynning will teach participants about local snakes of the region. Children and parents will hear some of the unusual stories about snakes and understand why they are untrue.

Snakes that milk cows, swallow their young to protect them, and dig holes in the woods are some of the misconceptions to be cleared up using the sanctuary's live snakes as examples.

"A Family of Snakes" is open to local families, and children must be accompanied by an adult. A registration fee is charged and advance registration is necessary. For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-3571.

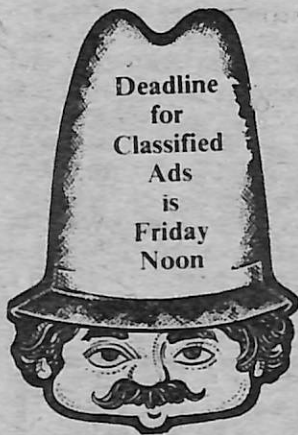
State Forest Celebration Planned

The DAR will have a 50-year State Forest Celebration in Goshen, Mass. on June 29 and 30. Highlights will be the rededication of the original marker and the dedication of the new Nature Center.

Invited guests include Governor King, the mayor of Northampton, selectmen from Goshen, Congressman Conte, the sheriff of Hampden County, the clerk of the courts, Senator Olver, and many others.

Reservations can be made for the buffet-luncheon, bus transportation, or overnight reservations can be made.

Mr. Alan Hendry, Supervisor of DAR State Forest, can be contacted for those families wishing to reserve camp sites. There is no fee for campers who identify themselves as DAR or CAR members. Please call him at 413-268-3648.



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Recent donation of a St. Anthony statue was made St. Anthony's Church in Agawam. Pictured above are members of the St. Anthony Society who were involved in the project. L-r, Anthony Sarcino, Joseph Resigno, Vito DePalo, Robert Pickette, Anthony DePalo, John Gregory, Nicholas DePalo, Thomas Russo, and Robert Aversa. photo by Jack Devine

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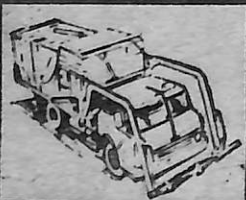
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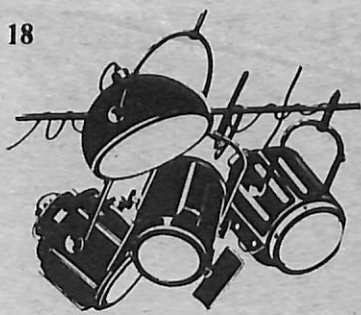
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SPAN Center To Charge Fee

Beginning July 2, 1979, the SPAN Center will charge fees for its counseling services.

The amount an individual pays will be determined on a sliding scale according to the amount of the person's income. The fees will range from \$1.00 to \$35.00.

Although a charge for counseling has been considered for some time, the decision to implement the fee schedule at this time was brought about by the lack of town funding for next year. The income generated by fees, however, will not equal the reduction in town-funding. As a result, SPAN Center will have a reduced staff for at least another six months.

The decision to charge fees will bring the center in line with other agencies in the area. The fees will be somewhat lower than those charged at other agencies because the center is partially funded by the Department of Mental Health.

The SPAN Center provides individual and family therapy for adults and children. It also conducts a variety of groups and a high school equivalency preparation program. Currently, the center serves an average of 110 persons a month.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



The biggest thrill I get from my vegetable garden is that first harvest of anything! The first head of lettuce or that first red, round, delightful radish—these are my rewards.

Knowing a little bit about what you are harvesting can help you keep the garden going and producing much longer. When you harvest leaf lettuce, cut only as much as you can use at one time using scissors or a knife. Cut the entire plant off at the base (one inch above base) rather than taking one leaf at a time. Add a fertilizer boost and your plant will grow back quickly. This first new growth will be even better than your first cutting!

When you go to harvest mustard greens, snap off only leaves (don't pull the plants); the growing tips will produce new leaves. Leaves should be picked just before they mature. Keep the plants cut back to hold off flowering because the leaves will be tough and bitter after flowering.

Check your peas closely every day when pods of good size start appearing. The edible-podded peas should be picked when very young, just as soon as seeds have begun to form and when they are free of

fiber. If edible-podded peas fully form, they can be shelled and eaten like other peas.

Pick parsley early in the morning before delicate oils have evaporated. The new growth is the best. Other herbs should be picked before 11:00 in the morning so as to capture the highest quality of oils.

Harvest radishes on a regular basis. Left in the soil, ripe radishes get tough and woody and probably wormy as well. If you keep radishes well watered in the summer, they won't get hot.

When your harvest of cucumbers is ready, pick four or five times a week to insure continuous production. When you pick cukes, roll the vines over gently and held them firmly while picking. Roll back into place, never lift the vines high above the ground. Don't harvest when vines are wet, and forget weeding once the vines are mature. Pulling weeds then disturbs the roots of the cuke plants and can cause wilting or loss of the plant.

During these hot summer days, don't forget to keep the vegetable garden well watered. Plants working hard to produce use lots and lots of water. KEEP SMILING! JMC

YWCA Speaker Home Freezing Tips

"Quick Tips On Home Freezing and Food Preservation" will be presented by Ms. Sharon Tilbe on Friday, June 29 at the YWCA Noonning With A Difference buffet lunch and speaker series at their building at 26 Howard Street, Springfield. Ms. Tilbe is an Extension Community Nutritionist for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program of the Hampden county Cooperative Extension Service.

Ms. Tilbe will speak on ways to make home freezing even easier than it already is, to better enable the public to take advantage of low summer vegetable prices or produce from their gardens. She will also touch upon

packaging and storage methods in freezing; what to look for in local fresh produce and when; and the "whys" of some common freezing practices such as blanching and using sugar syrups for fruit; as well as conserving the nutritive value of foods.

The buffet luncheon will be available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The speaker begins at 12:15 followed by questions until 1:00. Phone reservations are required by June 28 by calling 732-3121. The cost is \$2.

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